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To: McGovern, Marc
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Dear Mayor McGovern,

This resolution is a thinly veiled attempt to deligitimize Israel and to eventually ready public opinion for her dissolution. What else could be the reason for
singling out Israel for behavior which does not even raise eyebrows when carried out by most nations of the world or for which you willfully desire no real understanding.

Few countries on earth find themselves in such a precarious strategic predicament, surrounded on sides by intractable enemies such as hamas and hizballah, both recognized as terrorist organizations by the US and Europe, while coping with a deep rooted historical conflict for which they are hardly solely responsible - not by any stretch of the imagination. Ignoring unrelenting threats to Israel's civilian population over the course of many decades does not make Israel's attempts to defend itself illegitimate. Such willful ignorance or lack of consideration for Israel's justifiable perspective in this resolution is not a bad reflection on Israel but rather on those who willfully ignore Israel's justifiable perspective in their overall analyses of the Israel-Palestinian dispute.

Demonizaton and deligitimizaton of Israel including this resolution is the perpetuation of war, not a means to it send. It prolongs the mistaken notion that Israel will eventually be defeated and therefore stunts momentum towards an historic rapprochement between Israelis and Palestinians. And yet the proponents of this resolution only relish the opportunity to single out and attack Israel and to prolong hatred and violence because for them, peace with Israel is no peace. The only real and just peace for them is a peace without Israel. That is their goal whether they are willing to admit it or not.

Better this chamber would consider the behavior of much larger, more powerful and aggressive nations. Perhaps you can start with Russia, Syria, Turkey and Iran. Keep in mind that the whole of the West Bank and Gaza is but a small plot of land when compared to Crimea from which no attacks on Russia ever emanated. It is no more than a speck of dirt in size compared to Tibet while it is inconceivable that the complete cultural, religious and national destruction happening in Tibet could happen in the Palestinian territories . And yet I'm absolutely sure that the homes of every one of the proponents of this resolution are bursting with Chinese products. I'm sure it never even occurred to them to investigate what manufacturers of the innumerable Chinese products they own are also active in furthering Chinese goals in Tibet. They probably find the whole idea to be astounding. Their hypocrisy should embarrass you for even considering their proposal. Singling out tiny Israel with all of her valid security concerns from among all the countries of the earth, which incidentally within its precarious 67 borders is the size of Massachusetts, is an act of anti-Semitism. And to the supporters of this measure, if you don't like that label, change your behavior.

Thank you for your time.

Regards,

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